

MODEL MURDER MYSTERY NOT CLEARED UP BY SUICIDE

AUSTRIAN KING
ASKS POPE TO
AID MOVEMENT

Developments of Utmost Im-
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Situations Taking Place
in Central Empires.

GERMAN MOVE DUE TO
ECONOMIC SITUATION

London Paper Says Berlin De-
sires a Quick Peace.
Military Situation is
Not Dangerous.

International News Service:
LONDON, Jan. 5.—Developments
of the utmost importance, all bear-
ing upon the peace situation, are
taking place in the central empires.

Briefly they are:
1.—Emperor Charles of Austria
has sent a special emissary to Rome
requesting the pope to take steps for
peace, according to news received
in London today from a Swiss
source.

2.—The German emperor has sent
Prince Adalbert on a secret mission
to Sofia and Constantinople, says an
Exchange Telegraph dispatch from
Amsterdam. It is believed that the
visit is in connection with peace.
The prince is expected back at Ger-
man headquarters within the next
week.

3.—The presidents of the parlia-
ments of the central powers have
been summoned to Berlin for an
important conference.

4.—Dutch newspapers report that
the rulers of the central powers are
to meet in Vienna.

5.—A plenary session of the reichs-
tag is to be held in Berlin the mid-
dle of this month, if present plans
are carried out.

Allies Reply is Ready.
It is understood that the allies'
reply to Pres. Wilson's note will go
forward at once and it is reported
on what seems to be high authority
that Germany may send a second
note to the United States.

Some persons so far as to pre-
dict that the whole world will know
the peace terms of both sides be-
fore another week shall have
elapsed.

Despite the obstacles that seem-
ed at first to have blocked all pro-
gress of the peace issues, there is a
growing trend of opinion that the
way may be made much smoother
in a short time.

The Daily News printed a Rotter-
dam dispatch today saying that the
economic situation in the central
empires compelled Germany to make
her peace move last month.

The contents of the telegram are
based upon information secured
from a neutral in close touch with
diplomatic circles in Berlin. The
following points are made in the
dispatch:

Wishes for Quick Peace.
That the German government
wishes for a quick peace to save the
economic situation.

That the military situation of the
German allies is not regarded as
dangerous.

That pressure in favor of peace
has been exerted upon the German
government by the governments of
Turkey, Bulgaria and Austria.

The dispatch adds that the con-
scription of civilians for war service
in Germany coupled with the food
shortage has caused discontent.

MAY DEMAND PEACE.
International News Service:
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Develop-
ments in the peace situation in
Washington today pointed strongly
toward Pres. Wilson adopting a
more radical attitude than has been
forecast.

Administration officials close to
the president indicated their belief
today that the attitude of the ad-
ministration will be changed gradu-
ally to the position of demanding a
cessation of hostilities on the ground
the United States and other
neutral countries have as deep an
interest in the struggle as the na-
tions at war. Congressional admin-
istration leaders are known to sup-
port this view, to a large extent.

Diplomatic representatives of both
sides in the world struggle do not
hide the fact that they have little
idea that, if pursued along present
lines, the efforts to secure peace
will be fruitless. This is known to
the white house and the state de-
partment.

HOLD WAR COUNCIL.
International News Service:
LONDON, Jan. 5.—An important
council of war was held at German
great headquarters yesterday, ac-
cording to dispatches received here
today from Vienna.

What Allies Will
Demand of Enemies

LONDON, Jan. 5.—It was re-
ported today that the concrete
terms of the allies would em-
brace the following demands:
Restoration of Belgium with
indemnity.
Restoration of occupied por-
tions of France with indemnity.
Restoration of Poland, Serbia
and Montenegro.
Establishment of a protectorate
over Armenia by Russia.
Constantinople and the Dar-
danelles to Russia.

RUSSIANS START
ASSAULT SERIES

Launch An Offensive Along
the Northern End of the
Eastern Front.

International News Service:
BERLIN (via Sayville wireless),
Jan. 5.—Russian troops have launch-
ed an offensive along the northern
end of the eastern front and a big
battle has developed.

Northwest of Duenaburg (Dvinsk)
the Russians delivered four assaults,
using heavy forces of men, the war
office announced today. All were re-
pulsed.

Further north the Russians at-
tacked parts of the German line and
the fighting is still in progress.

In the sector of Friederichstadt a
heavy artillery duel has been in
progress.

Four lines of allied trenches, east
of Loos, were penetrated by a de-
tachment of German troops, the war
office announced today. After de-
stroying offensive works, the Ger-
mans returned with 51 prisoners.
Sanguinary losses were inflicted
upon the English defenders of the
trenches, the official report said.

Bad weather has hampered arti-
llery activity on the western front.
German and Austro-Hungarian
troops have pushed forward to a
point only five miles from the rail-
way line that runs northward from
Kokshani and are on the point of
cutting this important line of com-
municating, according to advices
received today from the Roumanian
front.

The Teutonic allies have reached
Odobeshti, which is but five miles
west of the railway line that runs
from Ploesti through Buzoeu, Rim-
nik and Kokshani and thence to the
extreme northern end of the pro-
vince of Moldavia. Odobeshti is at
the terminus of a railway spur running
from Kokshani to a point eight
miles to the northwest.

SETS RECRUITING PACE

Postmistress Sent Six Soldiers to
Army in December.

International News Service:
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The
postmistress in a town of less than
500 inhabitants is setting the re-
cruiting pace for the country. Dur-
ing December, the war department
learned today, Miss Vina Mullinix,
who presides over Uncle Sam's mails
at Wilder, Tenn., secured six new
soldiers for the army.

Officers here pointed out that if
the postmasters of the rest of the
country did one twelfth as well the
army would greatly exceed its
authorized strength. Miss Mullinix's
reward is \$30.

ARREST SLAYER.
International News Service:
CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Robert Mc-
Keon, charged with shooting his
wife to death because she refused
to take him back and give him an-
other chance, was arrested today as
he staggered out of a saloon after
an all-night carousal.

Neutrality Trial
Is Nearing End

International News Service:
SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Jan. 5.—
Counsel today began their sum-
ming up arguments in the case of
Franz Bopp, German consul general,
and six aides charged with violat-
ing the neutrality of the United
States by German bomb plots.

Lieut. G. W. von Brincken, Ger-
man consulate attaché, was the last
witness for the defense. He charged
J. H. Van Koolbergen, now a fugi-
tive in Canada and who claims to be
a native of Holland, with having
been a British spy while posing as
a friend of the German consulate
officials here. Von Brincken charg-
ed Van Koolbergen with being the last
head of a plot to discredit the con-
sulate officials by charging them
with plans to purchase false British
passports.

STOCK RECORDS
DENIED IN
PROBE OF LEAK

Names of Prominent Men Are
Brought Into Limelight
by Rep. Wood of
Indiana.

International News Service:
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The
promised names of those "high in
official life" and "relatives of those
high in official life," were brought
startlingly into the limelight today
when Rep. Wood of Indiana, de-
manding a congressional investiga-
tion of the alleged "leak" on the
Wilson peace note, repeated to the
house rules committee reports that
have reached him.

Though he emphasized the fact
that all of the information he had
was merely hearsay and was used at
this time only to impress upon the
committee the necessity of an inves-
tigation, Rep. Wood sprang one sen-
sation after another while a witness
before the committee. The names of
Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to
Pres. Wilson; F. H. Bolling, a broth-
er of Mrs. Wilson; Barney Baruch,
New York banker, and Otto H.
Kahn, of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., New
York, were mentioned one after an-
other in connection with those that
Mr. Wood had been informed pro-
fited by a "leak" of information.

Tumulty Denies Report.
Mr. Wood said he "heard" Mr.
Tumulty had conferred with Barney
Baruch in New York at the time
when information on the president's
note would have been most valuable.

Mr. Tumulty issued a denial of the
report as soon as it reached his ears.
The first action of the rules com-
mittee was to adopt a resolution
calling upon the New York stock ex-
change and several brokerage and
banking houses for their records of
all stock transactions from Dec. 10
to 23.

Later the committee voted to sub-
pena as witnesses Barney Baruch
and A. Curtis, a New York broker,
who wrote Mr. Wood regarding re-
ported alleged conferences between
Tumulty and Baruch before the Wil-
son note became public property.

Rep. Campbell of Kansas, a mem-
ber of the committee, suggested that
Secy of State Lansing and Mr.
Tumulty be compelled to appear be-
fore the committee. He withdrew
this suggestion later, but said he
would renew it.

Did Not Meet Lansing.
Wood replied in the negative in
response to a question whether he
conferred with Secy of State Lan-
sing about the leak before intro-
ducing his resolution asking for an
investigation. He said he intro-
duced his resolution on the strength
of newspaper accounts of the leak.

The committee spent some time
trying to establish the time the al-
leged leak was received in Wall st.
and the time the president's note
was received by the press in confi-
dence as well as the time of publica-
tion. He said he understood the
president forwarded the note from
24 to 48 hours before it was made
public in this country.

In response to a question from
Rep. Harrison, Mr. Wood declared
that he had not heard that repre-
sentatives of the Wall St. Journal
and Financial America were in Secy
Lansing's office the day he said an
important announcement would be
made later that day.

WILL UNDERGO OPERATION

Condition of E. H. Sothern, the Ac-
tor, is Critical.

International News Service:
CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—E. H. Sothern,
the actor, today is facing a serious
operation for the removal of stones
from the kidney, and by a peculiar
coincidence the same surgeon who
operated on him for the same com-
plaint 20 years ago will be in at-
tendance.

Dr. Joseph Bissell, the Sothern
family physician, and Mrs. Sothern,
Julia Marlowe on the stage, are
hurrying here from New York. The
operation probably will be perform-
ed during the day.

DEFENSE FUND ASKED
International News Service:
SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Jan. 5.—
An appeal for more funds to aid
in the defense of Thomas J. Mooney,
charged with murder in connection
with the explosion of a bomb during
the preparedness parade here, was
issued by Robert Minor, treasurer
of the International Workers' De-
fensive league today. Minor said
he believed labor unions would con-
tribute \$50,000.

Work of selecting a jury to try
Mooney continued today.

IVERNIA SUNK
NEAR BRITISH
BASE OF MALTA

Report Shows Daring of Ger-
man Submarines—Seven
Trans-Atlantic Freight-
ers Long Overdue.

International News Service:
LONDON, Jan. 5.—The destruc-
tion of the British transport Ivernia
in the Mediterranean on Jan. 1, with
the loss of 153 lives, officially re-
ported by the admiralty, calls atten-
tion to the daring with which Ger-
man submarines are operating in
those waters. The Ivernia was sunk
near the sea lanes that lead to the
great British naval base of Malta.
The attack was made during a
storm.

SEVEN SHIPS OVERDUE.

International News Service:
NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Seven big
trans-Atlantic freight steamers, mu-
nitions and contraband carriers to
the allied governments, were given
up for lost by maritime men today.
All are long overdue at their des-
tinations.

Whether they have been sunk by
submarines or captured by German
commerce raiders known to be op-
erating in the Atlantic, is a matter of
conjecture. Their fate, as well as
those of the crews, probably will
remain unsettled until the final ac-
counting after the war, it was said.

The White Star liner Georgic, and
the Cunard Andania are the
largest ships missing. The complete
list follows:

Andania, 13,405 tons, Cunard line,
left London for New York on Dec.
16.

Ausonia, 8,510 tons, Crenard line,
left London for New York on Dec.
16.

Georgic, 10,077 tons, White Star
line, sailed from Philadelphia for
Liverpool on Dec. 3.

Voltaire, 8,618 tons, Lamport and
Holt line, left Liverpool for New
York on Nov. 28.

British steamer Belle Reophon,
8,954 tons, left Southampton on
Nov. 25 for Halifax.

British steamer Belgravia, 2,521
tons, left London Nov. 25 for New
York.

British steamer Bayreuth (ton-
nage unknown), sailed from Cardiff
on Oct. 26 for New York.

BIG DRIVE IS EXPECTED

Germans to Launch Series of At-
tacks Soon, Say Papers.

International News Service:
PARIS, Jan. 5.—French military
experts predict that the Germans
are preparing to launch a big of-
fensive somewhere on the western
front next month. The war critics
of both the Temps and Figaro look
for a bigger drive. The point of
attack is a matter of conjecture, but
it is generally believed that the of-
fensive, if it develops, will be made
at some point on the southeastern
end of the front.

MAN KILLED BY WHISKY

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Albert Math-
ison is dead, Bernard Bush and
William Mathison seriously ill to-
day as a result of drinking whiskey
which the police believe to have
been poisoned.

The Mathisons have been room-
ing at the Bush home, Gustav West-
land, another roomer, awakened by
groans coming from their room, dis-
covered the men's condition. Mrs.
Bush was missing from home and
efforts are being made to find her.

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later absorbed by a syndicate
and he became interested in other
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LATEST IN THE NEWS WORLD

CAPTURE BRIDGEHEAD.
International News Service:
BERLIN, via Sayville wireless,
Jan. 5.—The Russo-Roumanian
bridgehead position of Braila has
been pierced by the German allies,
the war office reported today in an
official announcement on Roumanian
operations.

WANT INFORMATION.
International News Service:
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The senate
this afternoon adopted without
objection a resolution by Sen. Cham-
berlain of Oregon, calling on the
secretary of the interior to report
the relations of the Rockefeller and
Carnegie Foundations with the bu-
reau of education and to furnish a
statement of bureau officials whose
salaries are paid by the foundation.

JURY ABOUT READY.
International News Service:
OLNEY, Ill., Jan. 5.—The jury
that will try Roy Hinderlitter, 21-
year-old farmer, accused of the
"air bubble" murder of his 17-year-
old sweetheart, Elizabeth Ratcliffe,
probably will be completed this
afternoon.

Both sides were prepared to make
their opening statements and the
prosecution expected to offer wit-
nesses before night.

SAILORS OVERCOME.
NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Half a
dozen sailors were overcome while
fighting a fire on the United States
hospital ship Solace in Brooklyn
navy yard today. A number of pa-
tients were on board at the time.

Pall of Silence
Settles Over Two
Pittsburgh Homes

International News Service:
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 5.—A
pall of silence has settled today over
the grief-stricken home in Amberson
av. of the east end district, where
Mr. and Mrs. Wenman A. Lewis,
parents of Bernard W. Lewis, who
killed himself in Atlantic City to
evade arrest in connection with the
murder of Grace Roberts in Phila-
delphia. The same was true at the
home of Mrs. Joseph Fawell in
Beechwood blvd., where the young
wife of the dead man and their little
daughter, Elizabeth, have been liv-
ing for some time. A bare ac-
knowledge that a message an-
nouncing that the suicide was their
son was the only word that came
from the parents' home. Their tele-
phone was then disconnected.
The message containing the news



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Collins, her most intimate friend, who was one of those who last saw
her alive. Both photographs copyright by Underwood and Underwood.

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word from him in more than a
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BATTLE FAVORING
VILLA SOLDIERS

International News Service:
EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 5.—Fighting
between Villista and Carranza
forces was continuing south of Chi-
huahua City today and many more
wounded soldiers were brought
into the Carranza stronghold.

Military and federal agents here
have reports that the battle is favor-
ing the Villistas. Carranza officials
at Juarez continue their claims of
victory.

Despite denials issued by Hipolito
Villa, Gen. Bell today reiterated
his statement that Villa leaders are
holding a conference at San Antonio
to plan a civil government in north-
ern Mexico.

NEW SERUM IS EFFECTIVE
Sufferer From Paralysis Can Now
Use Her Legs.

International News Service:
CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Success has
attended the first experiment on a
human being with the new infantile
paralysis serum developed by Dr.
John W. Nuzum, 29-year-old pathol-
ogist at the Cook county hospital.

Eleven-year-old Gertrude Slom-
ski, who was brought to the hos-
pital two weeks ago with a high
fever and the muscles of her legs
paralyzed, can move her legs again.
The fever was allayed a short time
after the serum was used. Three-
year-old Walter Micek, suffering
from the malady in its most viru-
lent form, was rushed to the hos-
pital early today for similar treat-
ment.

Dr. Nuzum procured the serum
from sheep and experimented first
with rabbits, mice and monkeys.

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CAUCUS HELD BY
G. O. P. SENATORS

Bush Refuses to Take Sugges-
tions From Upper House
Members.

News-Times Special Service:
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 5.—
Discord among the republicans
flared out today when republican
senators went into secret caucus im-
mediately after adjournment to
plan measures to whip Edgar G.
Bush incoming lieutenant-governor
into line on his committee ap-
pointments.

Bush is taking no orders or sug-
gestions from any senators, it is re-
ported and is listening only to rep-
resentatives of the republican state
machine as to whom he will name.

The house adjourned early today
after transacting routine business.
The appropriation bill will be in-
troduced Monday and will call for
an appropriation of \$100,000 ac-
cording to leaders of the house to-
day. This will represent a cut of
\$15,000 over the appropriations of
two years ago.

John A. Lapp of the bureau of
legislative information, a non-par-
tisan bureau of the government, has
prepared a plan for saving from
\$6,000 to \$10,000 in handling the
clerical work of the legislature and
Jesse Eschbach, speaker of the
house, says that the plan will be put
into effect.

Germany Requests
Vopica's Recall
International News Service:
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The state
department today received a request
from Germany for the withdrawal
from Bucharest of Charles J. Vopica,
American minister. It was in-
dicated at the department that the
request would be complied with,
but no intimation was given as to
where he would go. Mr. Vopica is
accredited to Roumania, Bulgaria
and Serbia, and may go to the war
capitals of any one of the three na-
tions.

With the Dutch minister, Mr.
Vopica was the last representative
of neutrals and of the warring
powers in Bucharest, the United
States having taken over the diplo-
matic missions of many of the bel-
ligerents.

ALL EVIDENCE
IN CASE WILL
BE GONE OVER

Police Will Not Stop Investi-
gation of Girl's Slaying
Until All Possible Clues
Are Run to Earth.

LEWIS MAY HAVE BEEN
ONLY WITNESS TO DEED

Blood-stained Kerchief May
Have Resulted From Fight
With Slayer Or From
Handling Girl's Body.

International News Service:
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 5.—
Despite the network of circum-
stances connecting Bernard W.
Lewis, wealthy Pittsburgher and
former Yale student, with the slay-
ing of Grace Roberts, the pretty
model, the police today decided to
continue energetically their investi-
gation into her death. The suicide
of Lewis in an Atlantic City hotel on
the eve of his arrest, has made a
very complicated case even more
complicated, it was stated.

Capt. Tate, director of the scores
of detectives that are working on
the case, declared that he would not
eliminate any person under suspi-
cion until every scrap of evidence
obtained by his men had been gone
over.

Capt. Tate at first was inclined to
regard the suicide of Lewis as clos-
ing up the case. Whether receipt
of new evidence caused the change
of front, he declined to say.

"My men are absolutely convinced
that Lewis killed the girl," he said.
"I shall not form a positive opinion
until a more thorough examination
of the evidence has been made."

The theory that the wealthy Pitts-
burgher may have been the second
man in the model's rooms on the
night of the tragedy has a tenacious
hold on many of the officials prom-
inently identified with the case. They
pointed out today that it was en-
tirely possible that Lewis himself
was attacked by the slayer of Mrs.
Roberts, and in the scuffle received
the scratches that were found on his
body.

The blood-stained handkerchief
found in Lewis' pocket, and the
bloody shirt and collar which have
been partially identified as his, could
be accounted for, it is held, by Lewis
handling the body. This angle is in
keeping with the statement of the
police surgeon who examined the
model's body, that two men handled
it. The police surgeon declared that
it was impossible for one man to
have carried the body from the din-
ing room to the bedroom and ar-
ranged it as it was found.

May Establish Time.
There was one important develop-
ment today which may aid in estab-
lishing the time of the murder,
which has proved one of the most
serious obstacles in the way of clear-
ing up the tragedy. The coroner's
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One of the strongest points in
favor of Lewis' innocence of the
crime, Capt. Tate said, was that he
"didn't act like a murderer."

"It must be remembered," said the
detective, "that Lewis was an edu-
cated man. He must have known
the value of evidence. Yet we find
him staying around Philadelphia
even after he knew the warrant was
out for his arrest. After his first
telephone conversation with the
Kyle girl, in which she told him to
"read the papers," he called her up
frequently."

One of the most damning facts
against the Pittsburgher, Capt. Tate
said, "was that his hair corresponds
to the few black strands found
clutched in Grace Roberts' dead
hands."

RACE RIOT ON.
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 5.—
Reports reaching here this afternoon
say a race war is going on at Wood-
stock, Ala., a few miles south of
here, following an attempt of a
Negro to assault a white woman.